

# Colorado Search and Rescue Fund Bulletin

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### SAR Missions and Reporting

We'd like to throw out a great big **THANKS** for doing such a good job when submitting your mission reports and providing us with adequate receipts and descriptions of expenses on your mission reporting forms. We would like to remind you to include itemized receipts. Recently we received a receipt for meals for volunteers that did not provide a description of the meals served. The problem with this is that we are not sure what we're paying for if the items aren't listed. In the future we ask that you try, to best of your ability, to provide us with an itemized receipt.

Also, we've received some mission payment requests that have lacked mission descriptions. We need a complete narrative of the mission in order to determine eligible costs. For instance, if you are asking for funds to reimburse the purchase of a radio, we need to know what happened to the radio being replaced. Or, if you're submitting a receipt for binoculars, but there is no mention of lost or damaged binoculars in the mission report, it is difficult for us to process the request until we are sure the purchase is eligible.

Most of you are doing a great job submitting your mission resource use forms for mileage or equipment reimbursement. Remember to include the mission date, name of the victim or mission, the resource being used (4x4 or 2x2 vehicle, horse, ATV, or snowmobile), the approved hourly rate (available on the website), the resource owner's name and signature of either the owner or the person in charge of the mission.

The more thorough you are when filling out the mission resource use form, the quicker you will be reimbursed for the costs incurred on the mission.

The SAR Mission Reporting Form is available on-line (www.dola.colorado.gov/sar) under Sheriff Information.



#### DEALING WITH THE MEDIA

Often times you or a spokesperson are contacted by the media during a SAR mission. If given the opportunity, this is a great time to introduce the public to the Search and Rescue Fund, it's mission, and the sources of revenue to the fund. If the mission involves a non-sportsman (climber, hiker, mountain biker etc.) this is also a great opportunity to mention the CORSAR (Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue) card. Last year there was a mission for a fallen climber that received a lot of media attention, which in turn resulted in lots of interest in the CORSAR card. Another mission that involved an injured hiker also generated lots of attention and again the sale of the card, particularly from our internet site, almost tripled. By promoting the CORSAR Card, and the SAR Fund, you are helping us help you!



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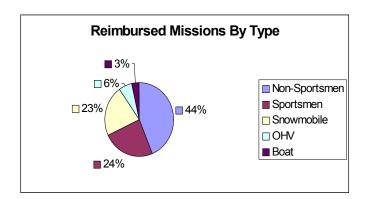
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#### The SAR 2007 Annual Report

The Search and Rescue Fund received \$460,290 in revenue in 2007 (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007), 67% from hunting and fishing licenses, 16% from boat, ATV and snowmobile registrations, 14% from CORSAR card sales and 3% from interest.

The Fund reimbursed county sheriff's \$68,532.87 for Tier I (licensed individuals) missions, \$15,903.33 for Tier II (relatives of licensed individuals) missions and \$17,308.13 for Tier III (unlicensed individuals) missions, for a total of \$101,744.33. Missions for non-sportsmen represented 44% of missions reimbursed.



Available on-line (www.dola.state.co.us/dlg/fa/sar).



#### SAR End-of-Year Awards

Every year the SAR Advisory Council meets in May to recommend funding for SAR training and equipment. The process begins in February when applications are mailed to every county sheriff in the state. The applications are due April 1, and are reviewed by staff and presented to the Advisory Council. Recommendations are made and the final decision is made by the Executive Director of the Dept. of Local Affairs the end of July, to allow for revenue to be adequately reported. Checks and award letters are mailed in early August.

2007 Awards	
County	<u>Award</u>
Alamosa	\$5,143
Archuleta	6,048:
Boulder	5,000
Chaffee	1,600
Clear Creek	11,250
Crowley	1,850
Custer	4,000:
Delta	3,148
Dolores	8,000 :
Douglas	7,150
Eagle	7,500 :
El Paso	7,000 :
Fremont	8,400 :
Garfield	7,800
Grand	4,000 :
Gunnison	4,545
Hinsdale	3,585
La Plata	3,723 :
Lake Larimer	8,000 ÷ 7,337 ÷
Las Animas	1,866:
Mesa	6,950 :
Mineral	7,970:
Moffat	14,500 :
Montezuma	7,800
Montrose	6,683
Ouray	5,620
Park	6,945
Pitkin	5,000 :
Pueblo	3,338
Rio Blanco	6,100
Rio Grande	2,530 :
Routt	8,100
San Juan	4,750
San Miguel	4,400
Summit	4,896
Teller	3,910
Total	\$216,437
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